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Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that everyone has had a good week – the school has certainly felt alive this week with a visit from the Creepy Crawly Man in Year 2 and a football game earlier this week where we hosting Pilgrim's Way. Further down is a report written by two of the players.

I've also spent some time in lessons this week, primarily in Year 3 and 4; this is one of the favourite parts of my job and something I feel I don't get to do enough of. It's always a pleasure to 'escape the office' and see the excellent work that takes place around the school day to day.

Parent Consultations

In a few weeks' time, we will be holding consultations for you to meet with your child's class teacher. The times and dates are listed below and, as before, these will be held in school – Zoom consultations will be an option should you wish. **Please note that the days for Year 2 and Year 3 have switched from last week's newsletter.**

Bookings for these consultations opens at 9am on Monday 16th January.

Date	Year Groups	Times
Monday 30th Jan	Year 2	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday 31st Jan	Year 1	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 1st Feb	All classes	4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 2nd Feb	Year 5	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Monday 6th Feb	Year 3	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday 7th Feb	Year R	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 8th Feb	Year 4	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 9th Feb	Year 6	9.00am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm



Messy Church

After a prolonged period of absence, we're very pleased that Messy Church is back at Bridge School from Saturday 14th January. Revd. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm and there will be a short service before a shared meal.

Sports Report

Well done to our boys football team who played Pilgrims Way earlier this week and with an admirable performance. Isaac and Tom delivered a very clear report in our celebration worship this afternoon:

On Tuesday, the Bridge Boys football team played our postponed opening game against Pilgrim's Way. In the first 10 minutes, Pilgrim's Way dominated getting many consecutive shots on goal. Luckily, Finley kept us in the game with some stunning saves. After this we got our head in the game and Mylo opened the score with a left-footed shot. That was exactly what we needed. The Alfie pelted the ball through the legs of the opposition keeper giving the team a 2 goal cushion. Ethan then put a perfect cross to the defender who then unfortunately scored an own goal –half time 3-0.

The second half began with Jack getting himself a much-deserved brake of two goals and then, in the last minute of the game, Kiyo stepped up to take a corner. He curled in perfectly into the bottom corner of the goal. The game finished 6-0 to Bridge. We are really looking forward to our next game. With our boots caked in mud, we left the field victorious as a team.

Have a good weekend and I may see you at Messy Church tomorrow (4pm start!)

With very best wishes,

James Tibbles



The deadline for applying for a primary school place for September 2023 is Monday 16th January. If you have a child starting school this September, please make sure that you have registered.

Siblings are not automatically registered.



Kent Community Health

NHS Foundation Trust

I've been asked to share the following information from the Kent Community Health Team. This may be helpful for any of our families who wish to access support.

For parents; smoking, alcohol, diet

[Better Health - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) Healthy changes start with little changes. Whether you want to lose weight, get active or quit smoking, Better Health is here with lots of free tools and support. You can also find simple ways to lift your mood with Every Mind Matters.

[One You Kent | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](http://kentcht.nhs.uk) Whether you want to lose weight, get active, quit smoking, or just feel better about life One You Kent is here to support YOU.

Oral health

[Oral health promotion resources | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](http://kentcht.nhs.uk) Here you will find some oral health promotion resources that are useful for parents, adults with special needs and their carers, and professionals.

[Dental services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) Information about NHS dental services, how to find an NHS dentist and how much treatment costs.

Continence

[Home - ERIC](#) Find out how you can keep your child's bowel and bladder working properly from birth. Clinically approved information and resources to help you and your child.

Immunisations

[Immunisation Team | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](http://kentcht.nhs.uk) The NHS has a guide to help you understand the vaccines offered in the UK and when to have them. It also explains how they work and why they're safe and important.

Sleep

[Sleep hygiene in children and young people | Great Ormond Street Hospital \(gosh.nhs.uk\)](http://gosh.nhs.uk) Here you will find an information sheet from Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) explaining about sleep hygiene. Having good sleep hygiene can help your child both to settle to sleep and to stay asleep.

[Sleep problems in young children - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) Lots of young children find it difficult to settle down to sleep and will wake up during the night. For some people, this might not be a problem. But if you or your child are suffering from a lack of sleep, there are some simple techniques you can try.

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Jesse (RKG) for showing excellence in his effort with all areas of school and for showing huge amounts of confidence this term. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Teoman A (3LC) for working really well at his new desk and for showing a lot of determination in his basketball dribbling. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Evelyn L (RKG) for showing great resilience while settling in to her new class and school. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Xavier F-W (4AH) for showing great creativity in his artwork and some thoughtful similes and metaphors in his English. <i>Mrs Thompson</i> |
| ☆ Seb J (RGR) for fully engaging in all activities, independent or adult-led, thinking deeply how to extend his learning. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Mabli W (4ST) for participating fully in English and for sharing her wonderful ideas. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Charlie G (RGR) for building a fantastic house for Goldilocks and the Three Bears so they could have a party. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Lennon K (4ST) for a successful week of learning and making progress in his reading. <i>Mr Newman</i> |
| ☆ Miah P (1CJ) - for thinking of lots of excellent questions to ask Mrs Dennett. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Lillian M (5HA) for her consistent positive attitude towards her learning and always giving 100%. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Charlie L (1LA) for trying hard this week learning about fact families in maths. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Ivy P (5HA) for always being kind, caring and considerate especially towards younger pupils. <i>Mrs Huggett</i> |
| ☆ Jax P (2SA) for trying really hard and having increased confidence. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Polly P (5JS) for always contributing to class discussions, always presenting her work neatly and always having a smile on her face. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Nate B-W (2GD) for his amazing ideas and contributions in our English lessons this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Ellie A (6JP) for her excellent, detailed and accurate diagram of the heart in science this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Evie J (3JA) for being an excellent coach and supporting her peers during multiskills. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Jocelyn L (6JW) for a positive approach to maths concepts and problems. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



Peace Doves

At Bridge, we have taken part in the Peace Doves project in conjunction with Rochester Cathedral. This involved us learning about the value of peace and writing uplifting messages on our flock of doves.

We looked at how we can create peace: at home, church and school, in Ukraine and within ourselves. We also looked at famous peace-makers from around the world and the impact they've had. In March, some children will be visiting the cathedral for a tour and the opportunity to see their own dove installation!

Upcoming Dates

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 16th Jan	5JS trip to The Beaney	
Tuesday 17th Jan	4AH trip to The Beaney	Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition
Wednesday 18th Jan	4ST trip to The Beaney	
Thursday 19th Jan	Young Voices at the O2	Football Match vs Aylesham School
Friday 20th Jan		

Monday 23rd Jan	Infant Agility @ Canterbury Academy	
Tuesday 24th Jan		Football Match vs Canterbury Primary
Wednesday 25th Jan		
Thursday 26th Jan	Year 6 Trip to Buggy Malone	
Friday 27th Jan		Football Match vs Blean School

Monday 30th Jan	Year 2 Parental Consultations	
Tuesday 31st Jan	Year 1 Parental Consultations	
Wednesday 1st Feb		Whole School Parental Consultations
Thursday 2nd Feb	Year 5 Parental Consultations	
Friday 3rd Feb		

Events for Parents

I know that parents appreciate a great deal of notice for significant events in the school calendar and therefore we have created an [events](#) page on our school website which has important dates for the whole school year.

We will do our very best to ensure that the dates published on the website are adhered to but there may be circumstances outside our control which means that there are changes.

If there are dates of other events you would like to know then please ask and we will publish these as well.

